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Remunerative Prices to Domestic Textile Manufacturers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic textile and apparel industry is facing stiff competition from countries like China, Pakistan and Bangladesh and are not getting remunerative price due to import of garments from those countries at cheaper rates;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to remove bottlenecks in the textile industry with a view to compete with China and other neighbouring countries and to ensure remunerative prices to domestic textile manufacturers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe for the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): While India is facing competition from countries like China, Pakistan and Bangladesh, it is one of the most competitive garment manufacturing countries in the world. Garment import in India is only 3.4% (US$ 581 million) as compared to total garment export of US$ 16,989 million in 2015-16.

(b) & (c): In order to improve the competitiveness of domestic garment manufacturing sector, Government has announced a special package of approximately Rs 6,000 crores for garment sector for three years which includes relaxation in certain labour laws, income tax concession, 100% employer's contribution to EPFO by Government, rebate of state levies for exports etc. Apart from the special package, Government has various schemes to increase competitiveness of textile and apparel sector. These schemes include Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS), Scheme for Integrated Textiles Park (SITP), Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS) and Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS).

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